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EDITORIALS

THAT SUPER-CARRIER

If it is true that Secretary of the Navy John Sullivan resigned due to the order issued by Defense Secretary Louis A. Johnson stopping all work on a proposed super carrier, the public will side with Johnson.

The argument against the super-carrier was overwhelming. It would have cost nearly $200,000,000. It would have been able to carry and to launch from its 1,090 foot deck a few medium bombers. But once in the air, the bombers could not land on the carrier deck's Apparantly they would have been suicide flights, a devise repulsive to the American people; unless the bombers were allowed to crash while the personnel sought a [illegible] chute landing. In ever event the fearful waste would have made the super-carrier the most costly item in our defense set-up. Furthermore, the bombers would have been without fighter plane protection, unless the super-carrier was part of a large and special task force including smaller carriers to carry fighter planes. A special task force for the super-carrier would have been necessary anyway to protect it from submarines and enemy fighters. The entire outfit to go along with the super-carrier, would have run the Cost up to near two billion dollars. And where could it go? It couldn't squeeze through the Panama Canal or Suez. Land based bombers, larger in size, can now strike any spot on the face of the earth. And in a few years, in fact, before the carrier could have been commissioned, the largest bombers it could carry will be out-moded.

The full weight of evidence was against the super-carrier. Secretary Johnson did exactly what he should have done when he halted the job.

Let us hope that our fine Navy will continue to add to our national security, and that it will continue to improve. But let us not tax the American people to satisfy whims of imagination that detour from the realm of practical usage.

AN OLD-TIME CAMPAIGN

In the State of Virginia, issues of State Government are sold a discussed and placed before voters. In the present contest for nomination for Governor, we have an exception, and we think it is a fine experience for the people. The four Democratic candidates for Governor are carrying vital issues to the sovereign people for decision. We do not recall an occasion in the State since the election of Harry Byrd as Governor, when the people were presented with so many and so important issues. The issue of good roads was at stake in the campaign made by Harry Byrd for Governor. Issues equally as vital are being presented now for decision by the people. By a full discussion, we believe a sound decision can and will be reached.

The average candidate for election to the General Assembly does not run on any particular platform and his election does not carry a mandate for any given course of action. He is chosen on his personality and and other individual factors. This situation may not be bad because who go into office pledged to too rigid a platform are often handicapped in facing the legislative mill when they get there. It may be that a Governor's race is the best stage upon which to thresh out some vital issues of government.

We do make bold to suggest that it is not wholesome for a decade or two to pass without the people being in a position to go on record for or against definte and practical questions of State Government. A close contest ever so often is all to the good, and we commend the four outstanding Virginia citizens who are now going up and down the Old Dominion talking to the people a bout their government. From a selfish angle, it would be nice enough for a candidate to "coast into" office by a wide margin without having to promise anything or say just what he is for or against. But for the good of the Commonwealth, a candidate should get an office because he was able to convince the sovereign people that he had the needed program and that his stand on important issues was the right one.

For about six months, these four men are giving themselves to the cause of good government in Virginia. More power to them, and may the people listen and think!

WITH OTHER ED-TORS

REALISM WHERE IT IS NEEDED

(From Petersburg Progress-Index)

People who are clamoring for world government as the solution of the world's problems, in the belief it can be had almost for the asking and from then on would operate with assured success, will derive no comfort from the recent statements on the subject by John Foster Dulles. Calling the United Nations as it stands indispensable to world peace, Mr. Dulles warned that world government at this time would mean war.

The present enthusiasts, he pointed out, assume a system of weighted voting so that we and our friends though a minority, would control the world government. Its advocates reject majority rule, he said, because that could become communistic, and it is equally fantastic to suppose Communistic leaders voluntarily would subject themselves to the kind of government we would feel to be right.

Some advocates of world government have drawn much encouragement from American history. Cherishing the example of the 13 colonies forming a single nation, they overlook the fact their similarities were greater than their dissimilarities and that, even so, a great deal of time was needed to give reality to the union. Similarly they overlook the great internal struggle of the 1860's which stands as a reminder that any government founded on less than complete unity might be torn by civil war.

But Mr. Dulles is dealing with current history and the possibility that a world government committed to majority rule could be voted into Communism. We would need many checks and balances as protection against that danger, with little reason to expect they could be secured or would be honored. Cold water will not dampen the ardor of those who clamor for world government now, but it is an end that will have to be worked toward, with greater thought for basic support, and not achieved overnight.

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(From Editor and Publisher)

P. H. Batte, general manager of the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer, has a new technique for visualizing the value of a potential newspaper advertisement audience for a local merchant.

Every additional subscriber to the newspaper means a potential $3,000 a year spent with local merchants, he has said. For local merchants who don't believe in advertising that is a quick way of demonstrating the potential buying power of newspaper readers.

BLUE MOLD SPREADING

Blue mold - the tobacco grower's bugaboo - is still spreading in Virginia, and farmers are warned not to let up on their control efforts.

Keep on spraying with fermate until the weather turns hot and dry, or until plants have been set in the field, advises S. B. Fenne, plant disease specialist at VPI.

Blue mold is known to be present in Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, Halifax, Pittsylvania and Charlotte Counties, and probably is present in the adjoining counties, Fenne says.

Employers of men servants must pay a luxury tax in England for this type of service.

Jesus And Critics

Lesson for May 8, 1949

THE BIBLE SPEAKS — International Uniform Sunday School Lessons — By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Mark 11:27—12:44. DEVOTIONAL READING: Mark 12:1-12.

DURING JESUS' last week, his enemies were firing at point-blank range. They were dead set to kill him; but they did not want to do that if they could ruin him some other way. What they tried to do was to make him out either a rascal or a fool, or both. Mark's story shows how Jesus took it.

Dr. Foreman

The first question they asked sounded perfectly fair. "Where did you get your authority?" As we saw last week, Jesus had assumed simply tremendous authority. Wasn't it fair to ask him where he got it?

The trouble was that the men who asked the questions didn't want to know. They only wanted to heckle Jesus.

The world is full of just such license-hunting snoopers as these. They do not like it when a man succeeds. They particularly do not like it when a man succeeds without their help.

"Who is this fellow anyway? Where did he get his start? What family does he have, where is his diploma?" Jesus never answered this question, because he knew why they asked it. (Mark 11:27-33.)

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Taxes

IN JESUS TIME you could not vote either for more taxes, or less. You paid what the Roman soldier at your door said to pay, and you were thankful not to be poked in the ribs with his sword while you were fishing up the money. But no one dared to complain. The Romans had some deep dank dungeons for people who complained about high taxes. So the next question Jesus' enemies asked him was about taxes, or tribute, which means the same thing. They thought they had Jesus on a spot where whatever he said would put him in the wrong. Suppose he said: "Yes, pay taxes by all means." Then they would smart: "Traitor to your country!" But if Jesus said, "No, don't pay taxes," then they would howl: "Treason! Police! Arrest this man who defies the Emperor!" Jesus' answer was a masterpiece, because he not only did not dodge the hot question, he did not leave the questioners a leg to stand on. (Mark 12:17).

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Hairsplitters by Trade

THE CRITICS of Jesus were hair-splitters by trade. Yet none of them had ever been able to answer another tricky question with which they now expected to floor Jesus.

"Which is the greatest commandment of all?" The question had been going the rounds for generations. The greatest minds in Jewery had wrestled with it. But it was a foolish question after all.

Which is the most important brick in a wall? What position on a volley-ball team is the most important? What is the most important link in a chain? An answer to these questions would seem about as easy as answering that one about the greatest commandment. Jesus knew they were trying to slow him up as a bungler, as a very poor and amateurish hairsplitter indeed. But instead, he did what no one expected him to do: he answered their question, and answered it so well that it is one of the cornerstones of our religion today.

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How to Take Criticism

THE READER should consult Mark for the whole story. It bristles with practical thoughts, one of the most practical being how to take criticism. All of us can take it from our friends and families: we know they mean it for our own good. But criticism that is unfair from people who want only to show us up for fools or to get us into hot water—that is hard to take. Jesus should be our example.

He did not let other people's criticisms interfere with his work. He never avoided criticism. He did not "twist the lion's tail, be did not deliberately provoke criticism. But he would not claim exemption from what every one has to stand, being looked over and raied by the people who knew him.

He never broke his heart over what people said of him. He did not go around crying to himself.

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SCHOOLS AND LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY

(From Washington Evening Star)

The principal argument against Federal aid to education boils down to a contention that public schools are a local responsibility. There is force in this cont on as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough to cover the situation which arises when States or their subdivisions refuse to measure up to their responsibility to provide adequate schools.

Down in Georgia the people have voted three to one against a tax program to raise an additional $23,000,000 for school purposes. Georgia spends $60 a year per pupil, according to a recent survey, as against a national average of $131. Teachers in the State are unterpaid and many of them are looking elsewhere for employment. Are the people of Georgia meeting their responsibilities to their children? Apparantly not. But if Georgians are unwilling, as distinguished from unable, to provide more money for education, what argument can be made for Federal assistance? If the people of the State are content with inferior schools and if schools are a local responsibility, why should taxpayers in other States be called upon to subsidize Georgia?

A somewhat similar situation prevails in Gloucester County, Va. There, the school officials have been ordered by a Federal court to furnish substancially equal school facilities for Negro children. A 300,000 bond issue was proposed to this end, but the people in the county voted it down, 591 to 368. Once again, the people, at the local level, have refused to meet their responsibility, not because they were unable, but because they were unwilling to do so. The local school officials, faced with the threat of punishment for contempt of court, have appealed to the Governor for financial aid. But it is hard to see why the State authorities, or, indeed, the local officials should be responsible for an obligation which rests on the people of Gloucester County, and which they have refused to assume.

It is one thing to talk of Federal aid or State aid when money for education remains inadequate after the people in the localities have done their best to provide sufficient funds. But the situation is quite different when people at the local level are satisfied with what they have or, though dissatisfied, simply shirk their duty to provide something better. And there is a great deal more shirking than one might think from listening to some of the discussions of the problem.

TRAVEL IN VIRGINIA

Richmond, May 4.- Virginia's fine spring travel business can in part be attributed to the work of the Virginia Travel Council in inviting those vacationing in Florida to stop and see Virginia's historic shrines and scenic attractions. This is the opinion of G. C. Walker, of Marion, who has just spent several weeks inviting Florida's governor to visit Virginia enrolte North. Mr. Walker, who traveled Florida several tons of Virginia matter, has just been shortly be assigned to in states west of Virginia. Mr. Walker stated visitors were enthusiastic about Virginia material among those that he visited garden club groups with 20,000 members, who with information as to what in Virginia and urged to the Old Dominion. Mr. Walker commended twice for the Virginia Council, visiting both west coasts and extending an invitation to spend vacations in Virginia.

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Snowall

Snowall, May 2.- We had such a thunder storm yesterday afternoon that were filled, and the land was [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. Carter, of Roseland visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kent, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wheeler.

Mrs. V. E. Burnett and son, Dick spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Burnette.

Miss Virginia Bondurant spent Saturday night with Miss Ardelle Carson.

Mrs. Howlette Drinkard attended a birthday party given last Saturday night for Mrs. H. Drinkard, who was [illegible]

Miss Anne Carson has returned home in Lynchburg after being ill with the flu.

Mrs. Ken Smith and Joe Burnette spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mrs. Burnette and son, Tom Cummings and son George Bondurant and E. L. Chick attended the stock market on last Monday in Lynchburg.

Mrs. J. H. Beard is visiting her children in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence and Dorothy Martin were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson on Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. Chick had word last week that her brother, Glenn Drinkard was in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. He is better at thiswriting.

Rocks News

Rocks, May 2.- The rain over the week-end delayed farmers from planting corn this week.

Quite a few from Rocks attended the funeral of Clinton Cawthorn at Appomattox on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Allen Hardy, who spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach, returned to her home last Sunday.

Mr. Hardy continues ill in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marsh, of Gladys were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh recently.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson was in Lynchburg Friday, at the bedside of her granddaughter, Miss Annie C. Martin, who underwent an operation.

Quite a few from Rocks attended the funeral of Mrs. Hassie Conner at Evergreen on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children spent Sunday after noon with Mrs. Henry Goin, who celebrated her 74th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge and daughter called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reese awhile on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children attended a birthday dinner in honor of her mother, Mrs. T. A. Foster Sunday at Darlington Heights.

The Rocks Home Demonstration Club held its May meeting this afternoon with Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Friends are glad to know that Miss Annie C. Martin has left the hospital, and is improving at the home of her aunt, Mrs. D. W. Dinkins.

Due to sickness in the community, the crowd was small at the preaching service last night.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, May 4.- Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien Friday night.

Mrs. Preston Coleman, Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Jr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill attended the District Federation meeting which was held in South Boston Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thornhill, of Bluefield, W. Va., are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. John Scruggs.

Mrs. Rachel Roads, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman.

Nationalists bolster defense line at Shanghai.

Girls Seeking Jobs Get Warning of Over-Dressing

NEW YORK.—If you're a girl looking for a job in retailing, don't go for your interview dressed in the height of fashion.

The reason: It's easier for the store that hires you to dress you up, if it feels that way, than to tone you down if you're overdressed.

This advice came out of a panel discussion in which executives of five leading New York stores and merchandising organizations participated. It was part of a clinic on careers in retailing held by the New York university school of retailing.

Good grooming, the members held, is important for applicants being interviewed—but the matter of over-dressing is the downfall of many an otherwise acceptable one. Especially if the interviewer is a man, they told the co-eds, simple dressing is preferred.

College Graduates May Step into Better Jobs

ITHACA, N. Y.—The college graduates of June, 1949, are due to step into better paying jobs than ever, according to a Cornell university placement expert.

John L. Munschauer, Cornell service director, said one large company has raised its starting pay from last year's $265 to $305 a month. Another went up from $275 to $300, and a third was up $30 to $295.

Those starting salaries are chiefly for engineering graduates and other specialists, Munschauer said, but he expects the trend to be echoed through the whole job range.

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Richwood

Richwood, May 3.- Services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday.

Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited with Mrs. Robert Wilbun last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Esmond Pugh and family were the guests Thursday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis.

D. A. Pugh was in Gladys on business last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Pankey were in Lynchburg on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cordell and son, James visited with Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Potter Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickerson, of Richmond were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Arrington, Mrs. Dickerson's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell were the Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilbun.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wooldridge Sundon afternoon.

Curtis and James Snow, who are students at the Shenandoah Valley Academy, were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Snow.

Mrs. H. H. Harvey is spending a week in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. John M. Clapp and baby grand daughter,

Wm. Fleshman is enjoying a two week stay with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell.

Edward Smith, of Norfolk, was the dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Jessie Blazer is making ready to build his new home on the piece of land, which he has purchased on Route 26 just south of Richwood.

Concord

Concord, May 3.- T. B. Hawkins is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Bobby King spent the week-end Hampden-Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. John Owen and daughter have returned to Florida, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Owen.

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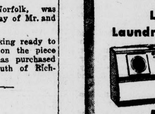

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